

To the Clerk of the Padikam Lane  
Urban District Council

Sir I have the honour of presenting to you the annual report with regard to the health in this district during the past year 1897.

I am very pleased to be able to state that it is a favourable one. The general death rate being low, as also is the Zymotic Death rate

There have been 352 Births as compared with 356 during the previous year. This gives a birth rate of 25.69 per thousand. Of these births. 190 were males 162 were females. There have been 196 deaths as compared with 244 in the previous year. Males 99 Females 97. This gives a death rate of 14.30 as compared with 18.9 during 1896.

The more important causes of the deaths were as follows.

Diphtheria 1. Typhoid Fever 2. Puerperal Fever 4  
Diarrhoea 2. Measles 1. Whooping Cough 6.


Respiratory Diseases including Bronchitis Pneumonia & Pleurisy. 44. Phthisis 12. Rheumatic Fever 1.

Heart Disease 18. Injuries 3. 69 of the deaths occurred in children under 5 years of age 21 of these being due to Respiratory Diseases, a fact I very largely attribute to the mousing-out system so prevalent in this District. A System which is very pernicious.

The Zymotic Death rate is .51 per Thousand as compared with 1.53 during 1896. This shows a considerable improvement and is no doubt due to the extensive alterations recently made with regard to the sewerage scheme. 45 cases of infectious Disease have been reported during the year.

Scarletina 14 Diphtheria 5 Typhoid 9





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Continued Fever 1 Erysipelas 11 Puerperal Fever 5.  
These cases have been visited and as complete Isolation  
as possible has been insisted upon Igal has been  
extensively used but I wish again to suggest the  
preparation of Corrosive Sublimate in preference, as recently  
recommended by the Local Government Board. As it is  
both more efficacious and more cleanly.

We cannot accomplish all that the Notification Act intends  
even with the Corrosive Sublimate and I beg to suggest  
that a suitable apparatus be obtained at as early a date  
as possible for the thorough disinfection of beds. wearing  
apparel etc. as we cannot expect to have the success we  
ought to have with cases of Infectious Disease until  
we possess such an apparatus. No Special report has  
been necessary from the Medical Officer during the  
year. 34 notices have been served on account of  
nuisances all of which were remedied. No legal  
proceedings being required.

House accommodation is, on the whole good. Water  
supply is good and abundant. Scavenging is  
satisfactorily carried out. The sewage Scheme is working  
well.

I am Sir.

Yours Obediently.

Walter Smithies.

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